DEATH OF A BROTHER

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1. What should I do?
2. What should the master do?
3. What ceremonies should we perform and an overview of how they are to be performed?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

A. Be available
B. Prepare
C. Respond
WHAT SHOULD THE MASTER DO?

A. Conduct pre death practices.
B. Contact the next of kin.
C. Notify the lodge members and the D.D.G.M.
D. Hold lodge rehearsals for the various ceremonies.
E. Insure preparation of Resolution and Flowers.
WHAT ARE THE CEREMONIES AND HOW SHOULD THEY BE PERFORMED?

A. Draping of the Altar.
B. Service at the Wake.
C. Reading of the Resolution.
D. Service at the Gravesite
DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

1. Master is to insure that draping is immediate.
2. No identified ceremony
3. Tradition
SERVICE AT THE CHURCH (WAKE)

1. Requires rehearsals (Ritual page 219 – 222)

2. Some reasonable modifications may be made

3. Public or private event (may be done in the lodge, funeral home, home of the deceased, or some other place)

4. Deacons or Stewards at head and foot of coffin
1. Lineup at Church entrance and exit
2. Reading of the Resolution
3. Deacons and Stewards activity similar to Wake.
4. Actions at cemetery
5. Broken Chain Ceremony

(Note) Service at the gravesite (Ritual pages 223-231 omitting the gravesite honors as given on page 228 in favor of the one on page 269)